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"5. (Unclassified - JMM) Tom Korologos, White House staff, called in response to my call to his office yesterday to ask about the status of amendments to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act in which the White House is interested. I said that we had been in touch with Charles Ablard, General Counsel USIA, to try to get a date with Senator Howard Baker but without success and Ablard had sent to Baker's Legislative Assistant Jim Jordan the package of material concerning the "dissemination of information" amendment which [REDACTED] had prepared. I said that since the several other agencies affected by the amendment were taking no action I didn't think it was wise for CIA to "step out front." Therefore, I said as far as we were concerned we would just as soon rely on the House, which had passed a clean bill with provisions acceptable to us, to take care of our interests in conference. Korologos agreed that this was the best course.

I asked Korologos where we stood on the "ten percent personnel reduction" amendment. He said that Senator Henry Bellmon had complicated matters by introducing an amendment providing an exemption only for the Department of Agriculture. In response to Korologo's question, I said we were in touch with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and thought Senator Stennis would go to bat for us. Korologos seemed to think this was the best way of handling the "ten percent cut" problem.

"7. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. William Hogan, House Armed Services Committee staff, who told me he has received no word from Chairman Nedzi, of the Intelligence Subcommittee, or Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel of the Committee, since Mr. Maury's conversation of Monday, 15 May, with Slatinshek concerning publication of the transcript of 9 May. Mr. Hogan will advise me as soon as he hears anything."

/s/
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